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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINS, TH

SUBJ: THAI EMPLOYEES AT SOVIET EMBASSY ARRESTED

1. NOV 27 AND 28 EDITIONS OF THE DAILY NATION REVIEW (FORMERLY VOICE OF THE NATION) CARRIED REPORTS THAT UDON THAPANOSAT AND MANAT PUANGLAMCHIAK, BOTH THAI EMPLOYEES OF THE SOVIET INFORMATION SERVICE, WERE ARRESTED NOV 26 BY POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH FOR BEING A "THREAT TO SOCIETY". ARTICLES SAID SPECIAL BRANCH COMMANDER HAD TOLD PRESS THAT ARRESTS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER'S WORK AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO PRESN( UDON HAD WORKED AS AN ANNOUNCER FOR RADIO MOSCOW THAI LANGUAGE SERVICE FOR EIGHT YEARS IN MOSCOW, WHERE HIS WIFE CONTINUES TO RESIDE. OF MANAT, REPORT SAID THAT POLICE CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND SEVERAL ILLICIT BOOKS ON COMMUNISM IN HIS HOME.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET EMBASSY ACTIVITIES HAVE COME UNDER SPECIAL SCRUTINY SINCE OCT 6 MILITARY TAKEOVER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THAI EMPLOYEES OF SOVIET EMBASSY HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION; PRESS REPORTS ARE, OTHER THAN DENIAL THAT ARRESTS WERE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH EMPLOYMENT, ESSENTIALLY FACTUAL.  
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